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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention, as identified by the Examiner, of group II, claims 15 - 24, with traverse, for examination on the merits.

No amendments to the specification, claims or drawings are presented in this paper.

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